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REMARKS

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1. From 25 May to 10 June, the Kavallerie Kaserne in Pasewalk quartered an estimated 1,000 KVP. The men wore red-bordered black, yellow-bordered black and ruby collar patches. On 26 May and 3 June, one AA battery equipped with a ballistic director left the installation for practices in the field. On 31 May, a signal unit from the installation practiced in the area around Pasewalk.
2. From 0930 to 1000 on 13 June 1954, a KVP engineer unit was entrained at the Prenzlau railroad station. At about 1005 the train which consisted of some boxcars and about 60 gondola cars departed from Prenzlau toward Berlin. The gondola cars carried pontons and bridge equipment.¹
3. On 15 May, the KVP billets in Fuenfeichen quartered two engineer units which were commanded by Captain Fritzler (fnu), and Captain Kuehle (fnu). The total strength of the two units was estimated at 600 men. The 30 pontons stored in the northern section of the billeting area were painted dark-green and were marked with a white circle about 25 cm in diameter on their bows. In mid-April, 25 recruits who came from the district of Neutrandenburg were assigned to the units.²
4. The KVP billets in Fuenfeichen quartered at least 500 engineer soldiers. From 6 to 10 June, the troops were observed at demolition training near the billeting area. Unsubstantiated rumors said that the unit would be transferred in the near future.²
5. On 14 May, 14 trucks and 30 new sidecar motorcycles were seen on the yard of the Grenadier Kaserne on Werder Strasse in Schwerin.³
6. In late May, men wearing yellow-bordered black, red-bordered black and black-bordered blue collar patches were observed at the barracks installation. The soldiers wearing black-bordered blue collar patches belonged to the motorcycle unit which held driving exercises with sidecar motorcycles in the barracks yard on several days.
7. the units quartered in the Grenadier Kaserne expected to be observed again within a short time.³

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8. On 25 May, the Alte Grenadier Kaserne in Schwerin quartered a division headquarters and a signal battalion. The latter unit numbered 250 to 300 men who wore yellow-bordered black collar patches. Training of the battalion included the construction of telephone lines outside the barracks area across small rivers and rivulets and exercises with portable radio sets and field telephones.

1. Comment. The engineer unit observed did not come from Prenzlau. Engineer platoons of infantry and mechanized regiments of Divisions Prenzlau and Eggesin and component units of the engineer battalion of Mechanized Division Eggesin were possibly jointly shipped from Prenzlau. In the summer of 1953, engineer units of Korps Nord were rotated to the Kuechensee area for exercises. The train observed in Prenzlau on 13 June 1954 possibly had the same destination.

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2. Comment. The engineer battalion of Korps Nord is commanded by Captain Fritzler (fnu), and the engineer battalion of Division Prenzlau by Captain Muehle (fnu). It is believed that the two battalions total about 800 men. It is possible that the engineer battalions in Fuenfeichen will leave in the near future either for Kuechensee as they did in the preceding year or go for the first time for riverside training to a large river such as the Elbe.

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3. Comment. It is assumed that the units quartered in the Grenadier Kaserne include the headquarters of Infantry Division Schwerin and the signal battalion, the reconnaissance battalion and the flash- and-sound-ranging battery of this division. It is believed that the new sidacer motor cycles observed come from the USSR between November 1953 and January 1954.

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